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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 10927

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR JA TECH

SUBJ: STA NUCLEAR MONITORING AT WHITE BEACH

REF: TOKYO 16304 DTG 170850Z DEC 73

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH FONOFF AND STA REPS AUG 22 TO HEAR LATEST STA PROPOSAL FOR NEW WHITE BEACH NUCLEAR MONITORING SYSTEM FOLLOWING COLLAPSE OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT (CONTAINED REFTEL) IN WAKE OF STA NUCLEAR MONITORING SCANDAL.

2. STA NOW PROPOSES TO INSTALL ONLY TWO PERMANENT UNDERWATER PROBES AT WHITE BEACH NAVY PIER. FIRST PROBE WOULD BE INSTALLED ADJACENT TO BRIDGE CONNECTING CAUSEWAY TO MAIN PIER APPROXIMATELY 80 RPT 80 METERS SHOREWARD OF SHOREWARD END OF MAIN PIER. SECOND PROBE WOULD BE INSTALLED AT JUNCTION OF FINGER PIER AND SEAWARD END OF MAIN PIER. BOTH PROBES WOULD
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BE CONNECTED BY CABLE TO STA VAN WHICH IN TERN WOULD BE PARKED NEAR

AND DRAW POWER FROM SAME POWER SOURCE LOCATED ON CAUSEWAY USED UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM.

3. STA HAS FUNDS CARRIED OVER FROM JFY 1973 BUDGET TO CONSTRUCT PROBES, BUT IS UNDER OBLIGATION TO FINANCE MINISTRY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION FOR PROBES NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31, 1974 RPT AUGUST 31, 1974.

STA THEREFORE REQUESTED EMBOFFS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR LATEST PROPOSAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION BEFORE FINANCE MINISTRY DEADLINE RUNS OUT.

4. STA HAS ADDITIONAL PLAN USING MONEY OBLIGATED FOR JFY 1974 TO INSTALL THIRD UNDERWATER PROBE IN OCTOBER AT END OF ARMY PIER WHICH IS LOCATED CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE AWAY FROM NAVY PIER USED BY NPW'S. STA ALSO WISHES TO INSTALL ONE AIR MONITORING POST ON LAND INLAND FROM ARMY PIER NEAR ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINES
(FOR POWER SOURCE FOR BOTH LATTER PROBES).

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY RESPONSE TO GOJ PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE. LATEST STA PROPOSAL SEEMS LESS COMPLICATED AND MORE REASONABLE THAN PREVIOUS PROPOSAL WE ACCEPTED (REFTEL). EXCEPT FOR APPROXIMATELY 14 METERS ON EACH SIDE OF SEAWARD END OF MAIN PIER, PROPOSAL AFFORDS GREAT FLEXIBILITY IN PIER USAGE AND AVOIDS COMPLICATED PROBLEMS OF ALTERNATE PROBES AND LOCKED MONITORING DEVICES INHERENT IN PREVIOUS PROPOSAL.
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